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The Farmington Equitable Building and Loan Association

YOUR INVESTMENT WILL ENABLE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EARNINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION. SERIES EIGHTEEN BEGINS THIS MONTH.

See O. W. Bleack, Secretary.

PHONES NOS. 137 AND 178.

Unlawful Driving Must Be Stopped

There are always many reports in circulation of unlawful acts on the public highways, of how someone has been imposed upon by being crowded into a ditch or jammed into, often by some heavier conveyance. How many of such reports are of absolute law violations it will be impossible to even approximate so long as such law violations are permitted to go unpunished. The law is very clear in this matter, and in order to regulate the many road hogs it is absolutely necessary to invoke the law wherever there is such a violation.

All road vehicles have a right to a full half of the roadway, either in meeting or in passing another vehicle, but only car drivers can intelligently estimate how often such laws are violated. Several complaints have recently reached The Times office of persistent violation of road laws by the passenger truck making a number of daily round trips between this city and Flat River. Allegations are many that this heavy conveyance, which is often crowded with passengers, fails to give an inch, even though it may be directly in the middle of the road, when meeting lighter passenger cars. Neither will the driver of that conveyance apparently give heed to signals from cars desiring to pass, but keeps right on in the middle of the road.

That such overbearing practice is a grave injustice to the many users of the public highways there is no question, and the chances are that suits will soon begin to rapidly multiply themselves unless this practice is discontinued. The owner of that large and heavy passenger cab should be more than pleased to be permitted to use one side of the roadway, as that conveyance does more damage to the roadway than dozens of passenger cars. Do they pay taxes sufficient to justify such cost to the highway? Perhaps they do. But even then they are not justified in persistent violating the road laws. Better keep on your own side of the road hereafter if you would avoid trouble.

An Error in Price

In last week's issue of both the Farmington Times and News an error was made in the double page advertisement of merchants offering special prices on some article for Sales Day, to be held here to-morrow, May 28th. This lamentable error occurs in the card of the City Cash Store, in regard to the price of coal oil, which is given at 19c a gallon, when the price really is 14 cents for that occasion. All prospective purchasers should make a note of this corrected price; otherwise that card may prove to be a positive handicap to that firm.

It is a real job to get up such an advertisement as that, and an error such as this is not at all strange to one who understands the innumerable things that must be looked after. While The Times is in no way responsible for the error, having had nothing to do with either the soliciting of the business or the composition of the advertisements, we do know that it would be unfair and unjust, as a general proposition, to hold responsible for such error those who were active in attending to this work. Furthermore, we are pleased to be able to make this correction in time, we trust, to prevent any injury to the advertiser.

Notice to Contractors

Bids will be received to Friday, June 3, 1921, for crushing of rock for the City of Farmington at the quarry recently purchased by city and county. Bids are desired both for rock in the bin or on the streets of Farmington to the amount 2500 yards. For further information see P. G. Hunt, chairman of the Street and Alley Committee.

By Order of Committee.

One of Finest In Entire State

In The Times story last week of the opening for the season of the Flat River Skydome, it failed very materially in presenting that amusement resort in as favorable light as the facts justify, for it certainly is one of the finest, if not the finest, resorts of the kind in the entire State. It has not only been enlarged, but has been greatly improved throughout. It will now comfortably seat about a thousand people. Perhaps the best, certainly the most costly improvement, that has been made is to cover the immense structure with awning, which is suspended by a cable over all, so there is nothing to obstruct the view. This canvas covering can be immediately drawn over the entire enclosure, so that in case of rain there will be no discontinuance of the program, neither will those in attendance be put to the slightest inconvenience.

The orchestra stand has been changed to the pit directly beneath the screen, where they are better equipped for adding their full part to the pleasure of the spectators, without necessarily being in the range of their vision. Yet, notwithstanding the many improvements that have been made for the present season in the Flat River Skydome, the excellence and quantity of its pictures continues to be its greatest drawing card. Here one is seen, any and every evening during the week, the very best of photo plays, composed of several different pictures, so that the patrons are not permitted to tire in their comfortable seats. A hundred or more moon plants have just been set out along the entire length of the side walls, which will soon add immeasurable to the attractiveness of the place, as many potted plants do now on either side of the screen.

Paul Jones is Making Good

Paul Jones, the talented son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones of this city, is forging rapidly to the fore in metropolitan newspaper work. For some time past he has been working with the Kansas City Post, where he has just been promoted to assistant editor, which speaks most flatteringly of the ability he has exhibited on that staff.

While Paul had considerable experience in newspaper work before going to Kansas City, the position he now so creditably fills is most unusual for one who is but 25 years old. He married about a year ago, and is thoroughly in love with his wife, with his work, and with Kansas City, and his many friends here are expecting greater things from him as the years go by.

Not only are Paul's surroundings and working conditions most pleasing and satisfactory, but he is under the watchful care and admonition of the Post's most able and brilliant editor, Dr. Burrus Jenkins, so that he enjoys more or less free rein in contributing to different departments of that rapidly growing paper, whose daily circulation is now in the neighborhood of 200,000. Not infrequently Paul writes for the editorial department, and occasionally his work appears in some of the magazines. Every success to him, is the sincere wish of his many Farmington friends.

Sundy Liollos, the enterprising candy and confectionery manufacturer of this place, is making rapid progress toward putting his confections before the people of the whole county. Besides opening up the Sundy Garden, mid-way between Farmington and Flat River, in an enlarged and improved condition, which makes it a real oasis, he has during the past week purchased the Woods Confectionery, at Flat River, which will improve and put in condition to handle a largely increased business, which he expects that place to draw. It is centrally located and an attractive place, but has not been managed in a way to secure a growing business, for which its new proprietor is noted.

BACK TO THE OLD SWIMMIN' HOLE



Southeast Missouri Trunkline Highway Association Meeting Here Was Pronounced Success

The meeting in this city last Thursday of the Southeast Missouri Trunkline Highway Association was a pronounced success in every respect. Most of the counties comprising the Association were represented, the number of delegates and invited guests coming well up to the expectations of the most enthusiastic boosters for the meeting.

While nothing definite was accomplished or expected from the meeting, it was a complete success, nevertheless, in correcting erroneous ideas and impressions that were perhaps obtaining some foothold in the minds of enthusiasts for opposing routes for the main trunkline highway from St. Louis through the southeast.

Particularly well did the Farmington Chamber of Commerce look after and attend to their important part of the program, and the quality of hospitality that was passed out to the visitors captivated them, and many expressed the hope that they might have the opportunity of locating in this city should they ever decide to move from their present location.

The first meeting was called to order in the Monarch theatre at 2:45 o'clock by E. C. Mohrstadt, chairman of the Southeast Missouri Trunkline Highway Association.

A welcoming address was then delivered in most excellent manner by G. B. Snider, who in well chosen and forcible language presented to the assemblage the many great and diversified interests of St. Francois county, of which our people felt truly proud; that the importance of the present meeting was also fully appreciated, and for that reason, as well as an inherent trait of hospitality, the citizens of Farmington and community extended wholehearted hospitality, and would do everything in their power to assist all visitors to thoroughly enjoy their stay here. The address was delivered in most earnest manner, was heartily received, and the later program demonstrated how truthfully it was carried out.

The chairman then presented Ed. P. Crowe, editor of the Dexter Statesman, whom he had asked to preside over the meeting, as well as to reply to the welcoming address. Editor Crowe immediately proceeded to demonstrate his ability as a presiding officer, as well as a ready speaker, and responded to the welcoming address in satisfying manner. However, he said that knowing the Farmington people as he did, a formal address to that effect was altogether unnecessary, as he was already aware that good citizens always found hearty welcome among Farmington people.

P. P. Hinchey, one of DeSoto's most prominent citizens and a good roads enthusiast, was then introduced, and spoke on "The Outline", supposedly of the best route for the proposed trunkline highway. While he was one who was supposed to be rather in favor of the river route, his talk indicated that the direct route from St. Louis to Dexter would be altogether satisfactory, for the reason that a much larger population, as well as practically twice the area would be directly served by such a highway.

The next speaker was Hon. D. B. Hill, who has law offices both in St. Louis and Poplar Bluff. He spoke most interestingly of roads and road building, starting in with the Indian

trails, on which he was convinced far more thought had been expended than in many roads of later date, notably the blazed trail, which could only be followed by keeping in sight alits on the trees. While he was greatly pleased with the splendid quality of hard surface roads he had seen in this county, most of the great southeast land, as well as an alarming proportion of the roads throughout the State, were in a truly woeful condition. He was now hopeful that the correct expenditure of the recently authorized good roads bond issue would be the beginning of an ever increasing growth of road improvement throughout the State.

Senator R. E. Ralph, of Clayton, St. Louis county, then followed with the principal address of the afternoon. He had but recently returned from a junketing tour through a number of eastern and northern States, the purpose of which trip was to study and inquire into what appeared to be the most satisfactory methods of road construction, where road building has long been recognized as a positive science. He was, therefore, able to speak with authority, and his speech indicated that he had gotten thoroughly into this great movement and had not only studied, but digested, much in regard to the plans and methods followed in the more advanced states in the matter of road building. His talk was replete with practical ideas and suggestions, which should prove to be real assets in the program of road building now preparing to be unfolded in Missouri. One impressive statement he made was that consistency, while usually considered a jewel, was not always practical in road building. For instance: Take an old run-down road, from which travel had largely departed, give it drainage and a coating of gravel, and such improved road is sure to draw traffic, regardless of its location. But such road will stand only so much travel, above which deterioration sets in; then it will be necessary for the real road enthusiast, in order to be a consistent road builder, to become inconsistent by changing his mind and becoming an advocate of hard surface for such road, even though in the beginning he felt that gravel surfacing was good enough. Proper road building means the kind of roads that will properly look after an ever increasing traffic.

Senator Ralph brought his excellent speech to a close just in time to allow the program to proceed as planned. The Monarch meeting then adjourned and the visitors were taken in automobiles for a visit to State Hospital No. 4 and through part of the great lead belt. A number stopped at the hospital and were shown through one of the wards, and were strongly impressed with the absolute order, which appeared almost like discipline, of the patients. They were also loud in their praise of the well kept and sanitary conditions prevailing there, which indicated the highest degree of efficient management. The splendid appearance of the country and roads passed over in the trip through the lead belt was also a revelation to many.

The drive was completed in time for the banquet, which had been prepared by the ladies of the Presbyterian church at the Masonic temple, under

the management of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce. Here visitors and members of the Chamber to the number of about 150, were feasted and toasted in most enjoyable manner until 11 o'clock.

R. H. Davis, of Fredericktown, presided as toastmaster in most competent manner, and Editor Crowe, of Dexter, in his inimitable manner, delivered the principal address, his subject being "The Right Way". Much of his speech was teeming with wit and humor, in which he is a pastmaster. He was followed with short talks from a number of Senators and Representatives, all of whom expressed themselves as having been highly entertained and profited by the meeting, and most of whom thought that "The Right Way" for the proposed trunkline highway must include St. Francois county in this route.

The ladies are entitled to much credit for the important work they performed in preparing such a splendid and enjoyable menu for the banquet, the pleasure of which was greatly enhanced by excellent music by Gentges' orchestra and vocal solos by Mrs. K. C. Weber and Tom Miles, both of whom responded to prolonged encores.

Before the meeting came to an end, Ed. P. Crowe offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the visitors in a rising vote:

Resolved, That we thank the Farmington Chamber of Commerce and their ladies auxiliary for this excellent and elegant repast, of which we have just partaken, and for their other courtesies, manifesting the unstinted hospitality this city is noted for dispensing.

Just before adjournment of the afternoon meeting, M. P. Cayce, of this city, read the following resolutions, which were also unanimously adopted, by a rising vote:

"Whereas, we, the citizens of Southeast Missouri in mass meeting assembled at Farmington, Missouri, on May 19th, 1921, and realizing the great importance of the construction of a system of State roads and the great importance of such legislation as will insure a careful expenditure of the sixty million dollar bond issue, as well as the expenditure of the Governmental aid, which we expect to receive, we most strongly condemn any sort of legislation that will permit the expenditure of these funds by the various County Courts of Missouri, or the expenditure of the funds by any other local bodies. We are alternately opposed to the mud system of roads, therefore be it resolved that this meeting favor such legislation that will insure a connected system of State Highways and of such construction as will insure good service 365 days in a year.

"Furthermore, we recommend that all road laws be so framed that a bipartisan commission may be created with sufficient power to provide an engineer big enough to plan a system of highways that will mean the construction of hard surfaced roads in every county in the state of Missouri, and will equitably distribute the funds in the construction of roads so that each county will get its just portion of same, thereby keeping faith with the voters, when we promised them prior to the election in November, 1920, that by voting for the bond issue, 'they would lift Missouri out of the mud'."

OVER HALF A TON OF MISSOURI PORK

Victor, one of the biggest porkers ever raised in the middle west, the property of State Hospital No. 4, of Farmington, was weighed and butchered May 20, under the supervision of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce. He weighed 1125 pounds. His photo was taken for display at the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, Union Station, and will be a companion photo of Dexter, the largest Holstein steer of record, recently bred and fed at State Hospital No. 4.

To-Morrow Will Be Big Day Here

Another Sales Day will be held in Farmington to-morrow, May 28th, and every possible preparation has been made to make this the biggest, best and in every respect the most successful of the several similar occasions that have been held in this city. Not only do the preparations that have been made have in mind the making of a big day for the merchants, but they have in mind the making of it a pleasant and profitable day for all who may come.

While the Farmington business men have contributed the total expense necessary for the day's entertainment, their primary reason for such voluntary action has more in mind the extension of this trade territory than the accumulation of profits for that day. For this reason every business firm in this city, whose card will be found in last week's papers, are offering a special price on one or more articles of merchandise. For this reason you should bring with you a copy of such advertisement, in order to receive the full benefit of such special bargains. It is possible that you may be able to supply practically all of your needs from such offerings.

The special purpose of these Sales Day occasions is in order to demonstrate to you, and to everyone, the fact that you will always be a welcome visitor in this city, whether or not you may desire to trade. The idea is to establish a true co-operative system here, where real human beings reside, similar in desires and ambitions to yourself, to the ultimate end that all may be benefited from a closer and more natural affiliation. The Times hopes you will be here to-morrow and make yourself thoroughly at home. We will do our best to entertain you.

Child on Trial for Murder

The case of Mrs. Parsons, the child wife of John Parsons, came up for hearing in the juvenile division of the circuit court yesterday, with Judge Huck presiding. The murder charge had previously been dismissed and a charge of manslaughter entered by Prosecuting Attorney Coffey. The child is said to be only 13 years old, and she hardly appears to be older. The Judge announced in the beginning that the hearing was to assist in deciding whether or not the defendant was delinquent or neglected.

This is the case that has caused such an unseemly scramble among metropolitan newspapers throughout the country for news in regard to the matter, and in the absence of any news, many of such papers have apparently manufactured their own story, as most of them have been full of errors and inaccuracies. It has certainly created much ado about little. All there is to the case is that a man of perhaps 35 was permitted to marry an immature child, he took her into his abode, which he called a home, and while the child was playing with the children whom she was expected to mother, she shot one of them, whether accidentally, "in play", or intentionally, is not known.

The facts are, however, that the child apparently has the mind of a child, of even less years than the accused, and doubtless is more aimed against than sinning. The metropolitan press should look elsewhere for its "yellow" stories.

Hung Jury

The trial of Laurence Ryan, of Flat River, on the charge of rape, occupied considerable time in circuit court the past week, and created unusual interest. The trial was hotly contested by both sides, and resulted in a mistrial, the jury being equally divided, six for conviction and six for acquittal.

Such unfinished result will necessitate a rehearing of the entire sordid details.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 7th annual stockholders' meeting of the Bank of Blackwell will be held at its banking house in the village of Blackwell, Missouri, on the 7th day of June, 1921.

Said meeting will convene at 9 o'clock a. m., and close at 3 o'clock p. m.

The purpose for which this meeting is called is to elect 7 directors for the said bank, to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

H. E. BROWN, President.
Attest: R. W. HORNSEY, Sec'y.